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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: SHUM, OAS, NU, VE

SUBJECT: PEREZ LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON NICARAGUA

REFS: (A) CARACAS 1053; (B) STATE INTERIM RESPONSE

1. AS INDICATED REF B. WE WILL AWAIT RECEIPT OF INFORMATION ON BODAN'S (NICARAGUAN VICE MINISTER FONOFF) MEETING WITH PEREZ OR HIS DESIGNEE BEFORE FORMULATING OUR RESPONSE. HOWEVER, WE ALSO NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. PEREZ STATES CHAMORRO WAS PRESUMABLY EXECUTED BY OFFICIAL DESIGN. AT PRESENT, INFORMATION WE HAVE ALLEGES THAT DR. PEDRO RAMOS, PRESIDENT OF PLASMA EXPORT FIRM OPERATING IN NICARAGUA, PAID SILVIO PENA, CHAMORRO'S CONFESSED ASSASSIN, A SUM OF MONEY TO CARRY OUT THE KILLING. PENA IS ALLEGED TO HAVE ONCE BEEN A GON AGENT

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IN THE US AND CHARGED THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES (HUECK) CURRENTLY AT ODDS WITH SOMOZA, AND A FORMER GON OFFICIAL (ZELAYA) FIRED BY SOMOZA A FEW WEEKS BEFORE THE KILLING WERE PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS FINANCING.

2. PEREZ FURTHER STATES THE GON "HAS UNLEASHED A FEROCIOUS

CIOUS REPRESSION." ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, THE GON  
REACTION TO THE GENERAL STRIKE/LOCKOUT AND RIOTING WAS

CHARACTERIZED BY REMARKABLE RESTRAINT RESULTING THUS FAR  
IN ALMOST NO DEATHS AND FEW ARRESTS.

3. IN VIEW OF OUR CONTRADICTORY INFORMATION, REQUEST  
YOU SEEK FROM PEREZ ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION HE MAY  
HAVE IN SUPPORT OF THOSE TWO POINTS IN HIS LETTER.

4. FYI. A HIGHLY PLACED AND GENERALLY RELIABLE NON-  
VENEZUELAN SOURCE IN A POSITION TO KNOW AND NOT REPEAT  
NOT SYMPATHETIC TO SOMOZA HAS TOLD US PEREZ HAS RECENTLY  
SUPPLIED MONEY FOR THE PURCHASE OF ARMS AND OTHER MATERIAL  
TO THE TERCERISTA FACTION OF THE SANDINISTA LIBERATION  
FRONT. END FYI. ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY MAY HAVE ON  
THIS ALLEGATION WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED. VANCE

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